

***County Overview: Food Stamp Outreach, Hunger, Poverty and School and Community Nutrition Program Utilization in California**

Ranking Key - 1 = Worst; 58 = Best

Top 5 Counties with the worst Food-Stamp (FS) utilization rate

Top 5 counties with the worst rate of Food Insecurity (FI) with and without Hunger

Top 5 Counties with the worst rate of Food Insecurity with Hunger

COUNTY ¹	Food Stamp Rank* ²	# FS Eligible Not Served	FS % Not Served	FI w/w/o hunger Rank ³	FI With Hunger Rank ³	<130% FPL Rank ⁴	<185% FPL Rank ⁴	Natl. School Lunch Rank* ⁵	School Brkfst. Progm Rank* ⁵	EBT Begins ⁶	2001-2002 Project Lean Region	CPNS LIAs & Special Projects ⁷
Alameda County	29	102,401	65.3%	49	45	45	47	15	12	2002-08	Bay Area	17
Alpine County	42	132	56.9%	37	28	11	19	38	40	2003-09	Gold Country	
Amador County	24	1,880	67.0%	N/A	N/A	48	48	8	4	2004-04	Gold Country	
Butte County	36	23,776	60.7%	43	20	14	17	22	39	2004-04	Sierra Cascade	3
Calaveras County	18	3,292	70.0%	N/A	N/A	41	40	5	18	2004-08	Gold Country	
Colusa County	30	1,907	64.3%	9	6	20	13	57	57	2004-02	Sierra Cascade	
Contra Costa County	N/A	N/A	N/A	50	52	54	54	33	20	2002-11	Bay Area	5
Del Norte County	57	1,812	38.0%	13	1	7	11	34	58	2003-09	North Coast	1
El Dorado County	23	7,567	68.3%	47	5	53	53	N/A	21	2004-04	Gold Country	
Fresno County	51	85,375	47.7%	2	21	3	4	42	44	2003-03	Central Valley	9
Glenn County	38	2,822	59.7%	9	6	12	6	32	31	2004-02	Sierra Cascade	
Humboldt County	31	15,300	63.6%	13	1	16	16	10	26	2003-09	North Coast	5
Imperial County	53	13,108	44.2%	33	50	2	1	52	43	2003-08	Southern Coast	2
Inyo County	20	1,562	69.6%	37	28	34	34	13	14	2004-01	Gold Country	
Kern County	40	76,963	58.8%	6	37	8	9	47	41	2003-08	Central Valley	4
Kings County	49	10,745	50.4%	4	35	10	7	24	42	2003-10	Central Valley	
Lake County	48	5,226	51.8%	29	10	12	12	29	49	2004-07	North Coast	1
Lassen County	46	1,861	53.4%	18	12	32	31	14	3	2004-12	Sierra Cascade	
Los Angeles County	34	1,028,745	61.4%	23	39	18	19	39	33	2003-08	Los Angeles	41
Madera County	50	12,053	49.2%	8	17	6	8	48	36	2003-10	Central Valley	1
Marin County	4	12,979	83.2%	34	22	56	57	3	9	2003-08	Bay Area	1
Mariposa County	17	1,779	71.5%	37	28	27	27	4	5	2004-09	Central Valley	

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Mendocino County	41	7,697	57.0%	29	10	23	22	26	54	2004-07	North Coast	3
Merced County	54	19,727	43.8%	5	26	4	5	49	24	2003-04	Central Valley	
Modoc County	27	1,308	66.7%	18	12	9	10	53	52	2004-12	Sierra Cascade	
Mono County	3	1,226	84.2%	37	28	39	33	2	6	2004-01	Gold Country	1
Monterey County	21	35,810	69.3%	24	43	30	29	46	27	2003-11	North Central Coast	3
Napa County	5	8,213	82.9%	17	19	49	50	28	37	2003-08	North Coast	
Nevada County	10	5,641	76.9%	51	53	50	49	1	1	2003-09	Sierra Cascade	
Orange County	12	218,325	75.4%	35	48	44	43	43	25	2003-03	Orange	8
Placer County	15	10,299	72.2%	55	42	57	56	25	8	2004-03	Gold Country	2
Plumas County	6	2,217	82.5%	51	53	34	36	7	32	2004-12	Sierra Cascade	
Riverside County	14	155,665	72.7%	31	34	30	30	45	35	2003-05	Great South	2
Sacramento County	56	64,606	38.1%	44	39	32	35	55	55	2004-03	Gold Country	9
San Benito County	35	3,206	61.2%	24	43	45	43	12	2	2003-11	North Central Coast	1
San Bernardino County ⁴	47	138,232	52.5%	28	33	25	25	44	28	1997-11	Great South	9
San Diego County ⁴	11	259,375	76.6%	32	41	37	38	40	23	1998-01	Southern Coast	
San Francisco County	19	60,498	69.9%	27	32	43	45	56	28	2003-03	San Francisco	5
San Joaquin County	43	53,559	55.2%	9	16	22	22	17	11	2003-06	Gold Country	1
San Luis Obispo County	7	23,772	79.8%	35	6	34	39	18	49	2003-03	Gold Coast	
San Mateo County	2	34,424	84.6%	47	46	57	57	31	7	2003-03	Bay Area	2
Santa Barbara County	16	39,737	72.1%	46	46	29	32	36	16	2003-03	Gold Coast	1
Santa Clara County	32	78,908	63.4%	41	49	55	55	50	47	2002-11	Bay Area	2
Santa Cruz County	9	22,827	77.7%	42	37	42	41	20	10	2002-11	North Central Coast	4
Shasta County	39	14,527	59.2%	3	3	28	28	23	47	2004-02	Sierra Cascade	2
Sierra County	22	274	69.0%	51	53	38	37	11	19	2004-12	Sierra Cascade	
Siskiyou County	37	4,915	60.6%	18	12	17	15	6	15	2004-01	Sierra Cascade	
Solano County	1	28,172	89.9%	22	18	51	51	21	17	2002-11	Gold Country	1
Sonoma County	8	28,357	78.0%	26	4	51	52	29	34	2002-11	North Coast	3
Stanislaus County	44	38,403	54.5%	7	26	24	22	37	30	2003-04	Gold Country	1
Sutter County	28	7,903	65.7%	13	23	25	21	41	46	2003-09	Gold Country	

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Tehama County	45	5,123	53.9%	9	6	19	18	26	51	2004-04	Sierra Cascade	
Trinity County	26	1,582	66.7%	18	12	14	13	16	53	2004-01	Sierra Cascade	
Tulare County	52	39,569	45.7%	1	25	1	2	35	37	2003-06	Central Valley	4
Tuolomne County	33	3,606	63.4%	N/A	N/A	39	41	9	21	2004-08	Gold Country	
Ventura County	25	45,850	66.9%	51	51	47	46	51	44	2003-03	Gold Coast	4
Yolo County	13	22,030	74.0%	45	36	21	25	19	13	2002-08	Gold Country	2
Yuba County	55	4,838	39.6%	13	23	5	3	54	56	2004-02	Sierra Cascade	

* All program usage data from <http://www.cfpa.net/countyprofile/CountyProfiles2003.htm> - 2003 County Profiles of Poverty, Hunger & Food Assistance. Counties are ranked by underutilization of program, so that a #1 ranking represents the county with the worst utilization.

¹ California Food Policy Advocates website - <http://www.cfpa.net/countyprofile/2003CountyProfiles> or <http://www.cfpa.net/countyprofile/CountyProfiles2003.htm> - click on the "County" title column to obtain the county profile if using this electronic file. Click on the county itself if using the map on the CFPA website.

² Food Stamp Rank - California Food Policy Advocates (CFPA) data. CFPA estimates the number of individuals that participate in the Food Stamp Program from the county Health and Welfare Agency. Using 1999 U.S. Census data, CFPA used the standard of 100% Federal Poverty Level (FPL) to estimate the number of individuals eligible for the Food Stamp Program. Comparing this to the number of participants shows a conservative estimate of the number of individuals who are eligible for food stamps, but are not receiving their benefits. Comparing the number of people living in poverty to the number of Food Stamp Program recipients may not fully account for how many eligible individuals are potentially not served by the program.

³ Food Insecurity With and Without Hunger - UCLA's 2001 California Health Interview Survey data; N = only respondents who indicated that they were living in household with income estimated to be less than 200% of the federal poverty level. Methodology used for measuring food security - The food security measure that was used in CHIS 2001 is an abbreviated six-item scale derived from the 18-item U.S. Household Food Security Module used in national surveys. In CHIS 2001, the food security questions were asked only of individuals in households whose incomes were estimated to be less than 200% of the federal poverty level. The survey asked about a person's food security over the previous 12-month period and focused on the lack of resources or money as reasons for food insecurity. The survey only interviewed persons living in households with telephones.

⁴ Ranking based on Census 2000 information for individuals living on less than 130% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) and less than 185% of the FPL. Additional total poverty and children in poverty information is provided in subsequent county tables.

⁵ National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and the School Breakfast Program (SBP) - California Food Policy Advocates (CFPA) data - CFPA's estimates of children eligible for USDA school and community nutrition programs are taken from the 2000 U.S. Census Bureau 1999 estimates of children at 5-17 years of age for breakfast and lunch and 0-18 years for summer food that live at or below 185% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). CFPA estimates of children not participating in the school and community nutrition programs are based on data provided by the California Department of Education, Nutrition Services Division.

⁶ Citybank Food Stamp Electronic Benefits Transfer card (like an ATM card) replacing paper food stamps.